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Smith continues to whittle away

Raleigh, N.C. – For the fourth week in a row Fred Smith has reduced Pat McCrory’s lead in the Republican race for Governor.

At the beginning of April McCrory held a 12 point lead. Since then it has decreased to 10, then 9, then 7, and now 5 in PPP’s weekly polls of the race. McCrory has 36% to 31% for Smith in this week’s survey. Bill Graham, Bob Orr, and Elbie Powers are lagging behind at 6%, 5%, and 1% respectively.

“It seems pretty clear that Fred Smith’s attacks on Pat McCrory are starting to have an effect,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “The question now is whether they may have started too late. Smith is slowly picking up ground but with just a week left it may be that he runs out of time.”

McCrory leads 72-11 in the Charlotte area while trailing in every other region of the state.

In the Republican race for Lieutenant Governor, Robert Pittenger is starting to pull away from his opponents. He’s at 25%, followed by Greg Dority with 10%, Jim Snyder with 8%, and Timothy Cook with 6%.

Elizabeth Dole continues to coast to her party’s nomination for Senate, leading Pete DiLauro 81-12.

The vast majority of Republican voters are still undecided as to who they will support for Superintendent. Richard Morgan has the lead with 16%, followed by Eric Smith at 10%, and Joe Johnson with 9%.

PPP surveyed 622 likely Republican primary voters on April 26th and 27th. The survey’s margin of error is +/- 3.9%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.



Republican Primary Survey Results

Q1 The Republican candidates for Governor are Bill Graham, Pat McCrory, Bob Orr, Elbie Powers, and Fred Smith. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Bill Graham, press 1. If Pat McCrory, press 2. If Bob Orr, press 3. If Elbie Powers, press 4. If Fred Smith, press 5. If you're undecided, press 6.

Graham..... 6% Powers..... 1%
 McCrory 36% Smith..... 31%
 Orr..... 5% Undecided..... 21%

Q2 The candidates for Lieutenant Governor are Timothy Cook, Greg Dority, Robert Pittenger, and Jim Snyder. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Timothy Cook, press 1. If Greg Dority, press 2. If Robert Pittenger, press 3. If Jim Snyder, press 4. If you're undecided, press 5.

Cook 6%
 Dority 10%
 Pittenger 25%
 Snyder 8%
 Undecided..... 51%

Q3 The candidates for State Superintendent are Joe Johnson, Richard Morgan, and Eric Smith. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Joe Johnson, press 1. If Richard Morgan, press 2. If Eric Smith, press 3. If you're undecided, press 4.

Johnson 9%
 Morgan..... 16%
 Smith 10%
 Undecided..... 65%

Q4 The candidates for US Senate are Pete DiLauro and Elizabeth Dole. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Pete DiLauro, press 1. If Elizabeth Dole, press 2. If undecided, press 3.

DiLauro 12%
 Dole 81%
 Undecided..... 7%

Q5 Are you registered as a Republican, or are you registered as unaffiliated? If you are a registered Republican, press 1. If you are registered unaffiliated, press 2.

Republican..... 92%
 Unaffiliated..... 8%

Q6 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Women 47% Men..... 53%

Q7 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White 96% Other..... 3%
 Black..... 2%

Q8 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 60, press 3. If older, press 4.

18-29..... 8% 46-60..... 46%
 30-45..... 23% Older than 60..... 22%

Q9 Have you already voted either at an early voting site or with an absentee ballot? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2.

Yes 7%
 No..... 93%





Republican Primary Crosstabs

	Base	Party	
		Republican	Unaffiliated
Governor			
Graham	6%	6%	4%
McCrorry	36%	36%	34%
Orr	5%	5%	2%
Powers	1%	1%	-
Smith	31%	30%	46%
Undecided	21%	21%	14%

	Base	Party	
		Republican	Unaffiliated
Lieutenant Governor			
Cook	6%	6%	3%
Dority	10%	10%	12%
Pittenger	25%	24%	28%
Snyder	8%	8%	3%
Undecided	51%	51%	55%

	Base	Party	
		Republican	Unaffiliated
Superintendent			
Johnson	9%	8%	12%
Morgan	16%	16%	13%
Smith	10%	10%	13%
Undecided	65%	65%	62%

	Base	Party	
		Republican	Unaffiliated
Senate			
DiLauro	12%	12%	14%
Dole	81%	81%	78%
Undecided	7%	7%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Governor			
Graham	6%	6%	6%
McCrorry	36%	34%	37%
Orr	5%	5%	5%
Powers	1%	1%	2%
Smith	31%	30%	32%
Undecided	21%	24%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Lieutenant Governor			
Cook	6%	6%	6%
Dority	10%	11%	10%
Pittenger	25%	15%	33%
Snyder	8%	8%	8%
Undecided	51%	61%	43%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Superintendent			
Johnson	9%	8%	9%
Morgan	16%	13%	19%
Smith	10%	9%	11%
Undecided	65%	69%	61%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Senate			
DiLauro	12%	9%	15%
Dole	81%	84%	78%
Undecided	7%	7%	7%





Republican Primary Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Governor				
Graham	6%	6%	8%	-
McCrorry	36%	36%	-	36%
Orr	5%	4%	8%	18%
Powers	1%	1%	23%	-
Smith	31%	32%	14%	23%
Undecided	21%	20%	47%	23%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Lieutenant Governor				
Cook	6%	6%	-	-
Dority	10%	10%	31%	23%
Pittenger	25%	26%	8%	-
Snyder	8%	8%	-	22%
Undecided	51%	51%	61%	55%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Superintendent				
Johnson	9%	8%	8%	22%
Morgan	16%	16%	23%	22%
Smith	10%	10%	23%	6%
Undecided	65%	66%	47%	50%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Senate				
DiLauro	12%	12%	16%	18%
Dole	81%	82%	49%	59%
Undecided	7%	6%	35%	23%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
Governor					
Graham	6%	7%	6%	6%	6%
McCrorry	36%	25%	34%	37%	39%
Orr	5%	10%	5%	5%	2%
Powers	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Smith	31%	27%	30%	32%	33%
Undecided	21%	31%	23%	18%	20%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
Lieutenant Governor					
Cook	6%	14%	5%	4%	7%
Dority	10%	14%	9%	11%	10%
Pittenger	25%	8%	18%	30%	26%
Snyder	8%	14%	8%	6%	10%
Undecided	51%	50%	60%	49%	47%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
Superintendent					
Johnson	9%	19%	6%	8%	9%
Morgan	16%	17%	13%	20%	11%
Smith	10%	17%	11%	10%	8%
Undecided	65%	46%	70%	62%	72%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
Senate					
DiLauro	12%	11%	12%	12%	12%
Dole	81%	82%	77%	84%	79%
Undecided	7%	7%	11%	4%	9%



Republican Primary Crosstabs

	Base	Already Voted	
		Yes	No
Governor			
Graham	6%	9%	6%
McCrary	36%	48%	35%
Orr	5%	7%	4%
Powers	1%	3%	1%
Smith	31%	24%	32%
Undecided	21%	9%	22%

	Base	Already Voted	
		Yes	No
Lieutenant Governor			
Cook	6%	9%	6%
Dority	10%	6%	11%
Pittenger	25%	30%	25%
Snyder	8%	22%	7%
Undecided	51%	33%	52%

	Base	Already Voted	
		Yes	No
Superintendent			
Johnson	9%	18%	8%
Morgan	16%	22%	16%
Smith	10%	19%	10%
Undecided	65%	42%	67%

	Base	Already Voted	
		Yes	No
Senate			
DiLauro	12%	11%	12%
Dole	82%	89%	81%
Undecided	6%	-	7%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Governor							
Graham	6%	10%	4%	5%	5%	11%	3%
McCrary	36%	13%	31%	72%	25%	22%	31%
Orr	5%	9%	3%	3%	6%	4%	8%
Powers	1%	-	2%	1%	2%	-	4%
Smith	31%	40%	40%	11%	34%	34%	37%
Undecided	21%	29%	21%	8%	28%	29%	17%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Lieutenant Governor							
Cook	6%	6%	5%	4%	7%	5%	9%
Dority	10%	24%	8%	9%	7%	6%	16%
Pittenger	25%	19%	18%	41%	25%	14%	25%
Snyder	8%	7%	17%	3%	7%	8%	4%
Undecided	51%	44%	52%	43%	53%	67%	47%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Superintendent							
Johnson	9%	19%	8%	5%	10%	6%	10%
Morgan	16%	16%	16%	14%	19%	16%	16%
Smith	10%	6%	6%	16%	13%	10%	8%
Undecided	65%	59%	70%	64%	58%	67%	67%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Senate							
DiLauro	12%	10%	11%	14%	11%	14%	9%
Dole	81%	88%	87%	77%	81%	71%	85%
Undecided	7%	2%	2%	9%	7%	15%	6%